

this is, in my view, and of course I must emphasize in my view, and I can say Senator Wesely's view, who was also supportive of the bill, this is not a harmful amendment. I want to emphasize that. Senator Abboud may come back, and again that's the chance we all take when we're gone and we say our bills should come up at some point. And I'm getting a little discouraged to the point when it's difficult to offer good amendments on the floor when you have 15 people gone, and we say, well, I don't know if we should do this or not. We all have our jobs, and we some times some people of the body choose to be elsewhere at the time. But we need to still pass good legislation in spite of that. All this amendment does is say that on the community service program those people that...agencies, or hospitals, or other groups, if they are going to find jobs for them to do, under this program, that in the reports that they file on general assistance, we include in the report what types of jobs were they having these people do, and what job skills they intended to teach them, because that's the purpose of the bill. The purpose is to say, if you have gone through the education program, you are still unemployed, we want you to do some work and teach you some skills so that you can do something. And what we're basically saying, with this amendment, we agree with that, we think it's good, we just want to know what jobs you're putting them in so we know what types of skills you're giving them, because, quite honestly, if a hospital, and I'm not saying it would happen, but if a hospital would say, gee, nobody wants to clean bedpans, we've got this job to do, and let Barney or Fifi go ahead and clean out the bedpans, and that will be what they have to do to get that which they already deserve. That's not only improper, there's no skills involved, there's no training involved, there's no future involved, and it's, above all, degrading. And I simply want to have some check over that. That's all this is. They give us the information. If it's successful, they're doing great things, we'll have no problems. If they're not doing good things, or they don't want to file a report because they really don't want to be accountable for what types of jobs and skills they're doing, then I think we'll have no information from the report, and we'll have justification to go back and take another look. That's all the amendment does, and I urge the body to support it.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Bernard-Stevens' closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment offered by Senator Bernard-Stevens. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Have you all